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Dear Dr. McAllister:

As an interesting new development, we are planning a Summer Neuropeptide Conference for August 18-21, 1991 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts at a very pleasant and efficient conference center. Depite an enormous surge of interest in neuropeptide research, there are very few conferences devoted solely to this topic. The Winter Neuropeptide Conference in Breckenridge Colorado has been meeting successfully for the last 11 years but the number of participants is limited to skiiers and those scientists who like the cold and the very high altitude. Consequently, there appears to be a pent-up demand for a conference on neuropeptides at a more congenial site and time. A preliminary mailing has resulted in an enthusiastic response and we are expecting a registration of approximately 50 to 75 scientists for this first meeting, which we hope to make an annual event.

I am enclosing our program. As you can see, we have excellent representation of important topics in neuropeptide research. I am especially pleased that Dr. John Taylor has agreed to co-chair one of the symposia. All the chairs have committed themselves to organizing the symposia as listed. Each symposium will be allotted 3 hours and will consist of 4 to 6 speakers, allowing for ample time for lively discussion. There will be no parallel sessions so that all registrants may participate fully in the entire program. We anticipate a most productive meeting.

As a special feature, we are planning a round table discussion on a rather controversial topic *"How important are neuropeptide transmitters?"*. There has been considerable debate as to whether neuropeptides are released as transmitters under physiological conditions or whether their most important physiological function may not be as growth factors. We are inviting several prominent neuropeptide scientists to participate in this discussion.

In order to attract younger scientists, who are the backbone of neuropeptide research, we are keeping the costs as low as possible but we will still need financial support in order to contribute to the travel and per diem costs of the invited speakers. As **CTR** is one of the most innovative companies interested in neuropeptides, it would be much appreciated if you would help support this new venture.

Sincerely yours,

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